

Welcome to the Career Cruising Kentucky ILP newsletter for March 2012! This month's newsletter is brief, but we're very excited to tell you about our new cross-curricular activity. Please read on to find out more.

New Activity: Why Study This? A Cross-Curricular Game

Students' academic commitment, in part, hinges on relevance. *Why do I need to know this? When am I ever going to use this?* Students who explore the answers to these questions and understand the real-life applications of the material they're learning in school tend to feel more invested in the subjects they're studying and more dedicated to successful learning. With this in mind, our writers have added a new activity—designed to be used in *any* class—that helps students understand the connection between what they're learning and the world of work.

Why Study This? A Cross-Curricular Game challenges students to come up with the most examples of how people in two sample occupations use the skills and subject matter that they are learning in a particular class on the job. Students are encouraged to think beyond the easy connections and delve into the variety of transferable skills, such as problem solving, communication, time management, teamwork, etc., that they are learning in class.

This is a competition-style activity, complete with a set of rules that cover challenges and the point structure. Students are motivated by their sense of competition, and rewarded with insight into the relevance of what they are learning. An extension worksheet to the activity asks students to investigate how they might use what they're learning in a specific class in an occupation that interests them.

This activity, along with all of our other Career Cruising classroom activities, can be found by clicking 'Career Cruising Classroom Activities' under the Classroom Activities heading within the Helpful Documents section of the School ILP Administration Tool. You can download all of our activities in one document, or you can download the cross-curricular game by clicking on the Download Individual Activities link.

That's all for this month! As usual, please feel free to contact me anytime I can be of assistance.

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